

## HOW'S THE WEATHER?

As Rick Mercer once said, "Canadians love to talk about the weather – always have and always will. It's what we do." Because he's right and because I get tired of harping on it, I decided to see what others had to say. The following statements are from an on-line contributor who taught conversational English. According to this source, students learning to "talk Canadian" described our unpredictable weather conditions this way:

"The entire country has been devastated by a long trout," said one. I've heard a lot about the reduced number of salmon returning to spawn; long trout could be another major problem. This one fits in well with our economic woes: "Everyone in my country is really nervous right now because this is the tycoon season. A big one can destroy a city." Hmm, there are a few of those around. But just you wait for the next looming disaster, "When a volcano explodes, millions of tons of larva can bury a city." Come to think of it, I don't want to grasp the magnitude of that one.

The Bible has a lot to say about the weather. Take, for instance, this one: "He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind." (Psalm 104:3) Just imagine the view from that height! "He bestows rain on the earth; he sends water upon the countryside." (Job 5:10) There's your answer to the trout problem. What I love most, though, is that though we are never promised immunity from storms, He has promised to be with us: "When you pass through the water, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you...." (Isaiah 43:2) He rides the wind and waters the earth. To us is given the worthy responsibility to be his hands and feet to those in need.